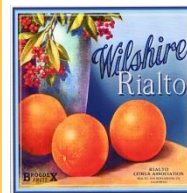




## City Administrator Monthly Update December 2014

By City Administrator Mike Story



### Administration

#### Office Closures

In an effort to reduce costs, the City and Non-Safety Unions have agreed to close City offices during the winter holiday. City offices will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2014, through Thursday, January 1, 2015. City offices will resume normal business hours at 7:00 am, on Monday, January 5, 2015.



### City Clerk/Management Services

#### Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Farmers' Market is located at City Hall where vendors sell a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts at a reasonable cost to consumers. Come out and see what our local growers have to offer!



Congratulations to our Farmers' Market shoppers who tried their luck during the November Turkey Raffle!

#### 2014 Turkey Raffle Winners

November 5th - Alma Almanza, *Fontana Resident*  
November 12th - Deborah Mohr, *Bloomington Resident*  
November 19th - Jose DeAnda, *Rialto Resident*  
November 26th - Gabriel Hanna, *Rialto Resident*

#### Economic Heartbeat of Rialto



Mayor Deborah Robertson's Economic Heartbeat of Rialto can be seen on the Rialto Network, Channels 3 and 99. It is also available on live stream via the city's web site, [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov). This show is an in-depth interview with local Rialto businesses.

## Administrative & Community Services

### Finance

The Finance Division continues to work collaboratively with the City auditors to finalize the year-end closing and to issue the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14. The final fieldwork for the City's annual audit and the single audit was completed the first week in December.

Additionally, the Finance Division is currently preparing for the City's comprehensive mid-year budget review process, which will commence this month.

### Recreation

#### Youth and Adult Sports

##### *Youth Basketball (Divisions 2-4)*

This season's Youth Basketball is one of our most exciting yet. With nearly 200 players across 20 teams, each determined to make it to the play-offs, the current standings are neck-in-neck. The season ended during the last couple weeks in November and now we've entered the playoffs. In Division 2 we have the Titans, Suns, Lakers 2.0, and Magic in the semi-finals. Division 3 gets a little more exciting with the so far undefeated Broncos in the semi-finals a ling with Rebels, Dragons, and Magic. And in Division 4 we have Rebels, Gammas, Rialto Ballers, and Broncos. With Division 5 having the youngest players, there are no current standings for playoffs, and there season ended during November. Playoffs and Finals will continue on Saturday, December 6 at the Carl Johnson Center. The new winter season will begin Saturday, February 7, 2015.



##### *Youth Basketball (Division 1)*

Division's 1 traveling team, Rialto Pride has certainly shown some Rialto Pride during the NBN Thanksgiving Tournament 2014 in Upland on the weekend of November 22 and 23. The Rialto Pride entered two divisions in the tournament, 13U and 14U. All players played competitively and came home with the championship trophy for division 13U. Division 14U was a more challenging play for Rialto Pride, but they still came out on top earning the Runner-Up position. We would also like to send a huge thank you to volunteer coach Jovon Jenkins for all his hard work and dedication to the team.



### *Girls Volleyball*

The fall season of volleyball currently has 65 girls across both divisions. Division 1 is the more competitive league and has four teams: Fighters, Titanium, Evolution, and Boss Ladies. Division 2 focuses more on the fundamentals of the sport and gets players ready for their future in more competitive play. This season Division 2 only has three teams: Showstoppers, Fundamentals, and Rebels. Both divisions are still going strong as they rev up for the playoffs and finals which will take place on Friday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Carl Johnson Center. The new winter season will begin Friday, February 6, 2015.



### *Little Tots Flag Football*

Flag football has never been littler! This season Little Tots Flag Football has over 20 participants and 1 big positive sports attitude. The little tots make up 1 flag football team that focuses on the fundamental skills needed to play flag football. Throwing the ball, catching, running, and working as a team are only few of the many skills that the tots are exposed to. They also learn important skills that can be applied outside of the sport such as leadership, team building, and sportsmanship skills.

The parents of these little footballers are also an essential part of this season. They continuously show their support and encourage all little participants to grow as athletes. The new winter season will begin on Saturday, January 24, 2015. The season will be Little Tots Basketball.

### *Adult Basketball*

The fall season of Adult Basketball is slowly coming to an end but not before each team gives it all they got for a chance to enter into the playoffs. This season there is a total of ten teams, with undefeated Team Holla leading the pack with 9 wins, Buquetz going 7 and 3, and UA and We Out Here following closely behind with 6 wins and 3 losses. We also have two new teams joining us this season, The Goons and Starz. Each team play competitively and there has even been a league record made. Brandon Harris on team We Out Here set the record with 49 points under his belt. We Out Here is currently tied in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 6 wins and 3 losses. The season will end on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and the playoffs and championship round will take place on the following two Sundays. The new winter season will begin Sunday, February 8, 2015.

### Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center

We would like to welcome seventeen new or renewed paid in full annual members to the City of Rialto's Racquet and Fitness Center this month. We look to introducing our new clients to other areas of fitness that we offer here at the facility like Vibe Fitness Boot Camp and Personal Training, swimming lessons, group exercise classes, etc. Their fitness goals become ours as we strive to provide them with the best customer

service and assistance in the facility. Our floor staff is scheduled throughout the day to show our clients how to use each machine and inform clients of upcoming events within the facility and City.

We have had numerous new clients bring an unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots Joining Fee Special. New clients will receive a discounted joining fee when they bring in an unwrapped toy and the receipt of purchase. For every \$1.00 they will receive \$4.00 credit towards their joining fee. First month's dues will be due at signing. We partner with the police department's Hearts to Share program in distributing the toys to needy families in Rialto.

Vibe Fitness has welcomed one new clients on their 30-Day Personal Training Experience and two drop in clients. In November the Vibe Fitness Training program had 40 paid participants. We anticipate ongoing growth throughout the facility as we end and start a new calendar year.

### *Tom Sawyer Swimming Pool*

Although our regular Learn 2 Swim program ended this month we are still offering Private Swim Lessons. This is an opportunity to keep learning through the non-summer months. We offer one-on-one, pair, and small group private lessons. Interested parents and participants can schedule their swim lessons around their schedule. We look forward to teaching water skills and safety year round.



Our indoor pool is heated the water temperature is kept between 80 and 84 degrees. Pool users can save big with a swim pass. Aside from our daily and per session fees we offer the following passes: 10 week lap swim, 10 visit lap swim, and 10 visit recreational swim.

### *Fit4Kids*

Fit4Kids has been busy this month, especially during the Thanksgiving school break, where we noticed a lot of familiar faces. Staff has been making contact with parents who we've noticed lower attendance. As a result some participants have return. Others were away for other sports but plan to return.



Our program flyers were distributed to local schools and staff has met with parents a coffee with the principal meeting. We are looking to get a schedule of when staff can go out to the schools and speak with parents about our program.

As our Fall Session moves forward, Fit4Kids has decided to re-implement a system by which our students are able to earn points that will go toward their eligibility to attend special events (we have a movie and popcorn event planned for Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!) and to cash in for fun fitness prizes!!! Our Fit4Kids have brought a great deal of



enthusiasm with them to each day's programs and we've already seen an uptick in the attendance of certain individuals as they strive to gain as many points as possible. Our staff is eagerly looking ahead to the rest of the Fall Session as we move toward such Fit4Kids favorite activities as Medic Ball, Basketball, and Zone Dodge.



### Rialto Senior Center

Sandra Cordasco from the Rialto Community Players raffled off 2 sets of complimentary tickets (valued at \$12.00 each) on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> during our nutrition program. The winners have a choice of the following plays to attend: Our Lady of the tortilla (Nov. 1-23<sup>rd</sup>), Seussical: The Musical (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>), Other Desert Cities (Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>), and The Secret Garden (Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>). The plays are put on at the Sandra R. Courtney Playhouse located at 150 E. San Bernardino Ave., Rialto, CA 92376. For tickets and reservations call (909) 873-8514.

Our special event staff raffled off 4 complimentary tickets (valued at \$35 each) for the Queen Mary excursion on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> during lunch time. The Queen Mary excursion was scheduled for Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to - 4:00 pm. Excursion participants went on the Glory Days Historical Tour which was full of interesting anecdotes, fun facts and compelling true-stories about the legendry Queen Mary, including her service during WWII. The Queen Mary excursion is just one of the many excursions that the City offers. For more information contact: (909) 877-9706.

Lorine Schmitt celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday during our nutrition program on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The band saluted her by singing happy birthday as the lunch participants sang along. Lorine's daughters came to celebrate her birthday and have lunch with her on her special day. Lorine is a longtime volunteer with our senior nutrition program with 22 years of service.



On Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> the Senior Center staff wanted to spread some joy to our seniors by raffling off 6 turkeys during the nutrition program. The winners were very grateful to receive a turkey just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Kidstuff

#### *Tiny Tots*

For the month of November we learned the letters L, M, and N and we learned the numbers 12, 13, and 14. We've been busy learning how to cut with scissors. For Arts & Crafts we made the following: turkey handprints, a colorful owl, we made a fall tree with leaves and we cut out an acorn. We celebrated Thanksgiving by having a feast with lots of food that was prepared by our generous parents.

### *Preston Preschool*

In the month of November we learned the numbers 9, 10, 11, and 12, and the letters Y, Z, A, and B. For Arts and Crafts we made turkey handprints, a gratitude book, and a Indian hat out of feathers. To celebrate Thanksgiving we prepared a special healthy Thanksgiving snack with nuts, berries, and fruit.

### Excursions

On Friday, November 14, 2014 Rialto Recreation Day Excursions hosted a visit to the Queen Mary. Community members departed on a charter bus from the Rialto Senior Center at 9:00am and returned at 5:00pm. The excursion cost was \$35.00 and included a private guided tour of the Queen Mary “glory days.” Participants truly enjoyed the trip and are looking forward to attending the Tamale Festival excursion programmed for Saturday, December 6, 2014 and excursions to come for 2015! For more information on excursions or to register please call 909-877-9706.

### Hall of Fame

The City of Rialto hosted the annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, November 8, 2014. The ceremony took place at 9:00am in the Carl Johnson Gymnasium. The inductees were Charles “Chuck” Assuma, Shanice Stewart, Eric Moore and Art Lloyd. The induction ceremony included a performance by Kolb Middle School Marching Band and Carter High School Cheer Squad.

### Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade and Vendor Fair

Please Join the City of Rialto for cookies and cocoa! This year’s holiday season was kicked off with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, held Friday, December 5, 2014, in front of City Hall. The event ran from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, with cookies, hot cider, and coffee served. A food and toy drive to benefit Rialto families through the Rialto Child Assistance Program and the Hearts to Share Program was included in the event.

On Saturday, December 13, 2014 the Holiday Parade and Vendor Fair will be taking place with staging on Bloomington Avenue, with the Vendor Fair, Snow and Holiday Concert following the parade at Rialto City Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information please call 909-877-9706.

### Share Your Talents and Earn Extra Income!

The Rialto Recreation and Community Services division is currently seeking instructors to expand the selection of fee-based special interest classes offered to the Rialto community. If you have a special talent and want to earn extra income teaching it to others, then come and partner with us! We will provide and maintain facilities, handle registration, and provide direct mail advertising to 32,000 residential and business addresses! Call 421-4949 and ask for Jessica Perez.

## Human Resources

### Applicant Processing/Employee New Hires

Human Resources has received and screened over 200 applicants in the last 30 days. We have hired and processed 9 new employees.

#### FULL-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Dayan Gutierrez	Administrative Assistant	Public Works
Demond Mayfield	Engineering Technician	Public Works
Elizabeth Berumen	Emergency Dispatcher	Police
Hector Gonzalez, Jr.	Associate Civil Engineer	Public Works
Moises Peralta Gomez	Engineering Technician	Public Works
Samantha Lillard	Emergency Dispatcher	Police
Sean McClung	Firefighter/Paramedic	Fire

#### PART-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Enrique Rodriguez	Parking Enforcement Officer	Police
Elena Barragan	Intern	ACS/Recreation

### Current Open Recruitments

The City of Rialto is currently hiring for the following positions:

Position Title	Closing Date	Position Type
Aerobics Instructor II	Continuous	Part-Time
Director of Public Works/City Engineer	December 18, 2014	Full-Time
Police Officer (Lateral)	Continuous	Full-Time
Reserve Police Officer-Level 1 (Non-Paid Volunteer)	Continuous	Volunteer

### Upcoming Recruitments

The City of Rialto will be accepting applications soon for the below positions. To sign-up for a job interest card, please visit our website at [www.rialtoca.gov](http://www.rialtoca.gov) and click on "jobs".

Position Title	Position Type
Parking Enforcement Officer	Part-Time
Police Officer Training	Full-Time
Clerical Aide	Part-Time
Recreation Leader	Part-Time

## Prescription Drug Discount Program

The **Prescription Discount Card** is made available to residents by the City of Rialto in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through City of Rialto membership in NLC. The card is **FREE to all City of Rialto residents**, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you **may save an average of 20%** off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. *This program is NOT insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.*

Discount cards are available at:

- \* City of Rialto website:  
<http://www.rialtoca.gov>
- \* Human Resources – 246 S. Willow Ave.
- \* Senior Center – 1411 S. Riverside Ave.
- \* Library – 251 W. First Street
- \* Recreation – 214 N. Palm Ave., #204
- \* Chamber of Commerce –  
120 N. Riverside Ave.



### NLC Prescription Discount Card Program Participating Cities - Monthly and Cumulative Savings

City	Month	Total Rxs	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
CA, RIALTO	AUGUST 2014	36	\$ 216.93	\$ 6.03	26.0%	19
CA, RIALTO	SEPTEMBER 2014	28	\$ 163.81	\$ 5.85	18.9%	19
CA, RIALTO	OCTOBER 2014	26	\$ 218.32	\$ 8.40	23.8%	19

## Development Services Department

### Airport Update

The City solicited bids for the Phase I demolition of the hangar structures at the Airport. The City Council will consider contract award on January 13, 2015 with construction early next year. The City is developing Phase II plans for the demolition of the asphalt/concrete and the remediation of hazardous materials. That work should commence in the spring of 2015. The City is also preparing bid specifications for the removal of underground storage tanks at the Mercy Air and Scholl Aviation facilities.

The San Bernardino International Airport Authority awarded bids and commenced construction on the Phase I general aviation improvements to support the construction of the Sheriff's aviation facility and the box hangars required under the City/SBIAA Agreement. The Phase I Project includes the backbone infrastructure and taxiways.






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*Construction progress on the general aviation area at the San Bernardino International Airport, including backbone infrastructure and site grading. Subsequent phases will include hangars for the County Sheriff and small aircraft owners.*

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SBIAA received bids for the County Sheriff's facility. The construction bids ranged from \$9.7 to \$10.0 million, before certain soft costs. The budget target was \$9.6 million for all costs. The County and SBIAA are reviewing the bids to determine the final scope of work and budget with a contract award scheduled for January 2015.

SBIAA received bids for the general aviation hangars, and the bids significantly exceed the budgeted amounts. SBIAA continues its review to determine whether to allocate additional funding, modify the project, or rebid the project.

City staff received two project submittals for Airport development parcels near Alder Avenue: (1) a water bottling plant and (2) a medical products distribution facility. Both projects initiated the environmental review process, and the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission and City Council will review the projects in January 2015. Both proponents seek to acquire the parcels and commence development in the second quarter of 2015.

## **Retail Chatter**

Brand Growth completed construction of the 6,000 square foot retail building adjacent to In-N-Out Burger. **Chipotle, Wing Stop and Jersey Mike's** are busy installing tenant improvements and should open for business by the end of January or early February.

**Major Brain Freeze** signed a lease for the last retail module, and will soon submit its tenant improvement plans to the City for plancheck review. **Major Brain Freeze** is a small local/regional frozen yogurt shop that offers over 20 flavors of frozen yogurt, Greek yogurt and (non-dairy) sorbet with 127 different toppings. Major Brain Freeze currently has two stores, one in Highland and one in Redlands.



On December 9, 2014, the City Council will consider the approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fountainhead Shrugged, LLC for the third and last development pad at the Easton Retail center. The Developer plans to construct a 4,000 square foot building with a drive-thru that will contain two retailers, including a 1,900 square foot **Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf** and a 2,100 square foot use yet to be determined.



**Food-4-Less** is currently constructing a new gas station in a portion of the Renaissance Shopping Center parking lot on Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue. McDonald's has received approvals to construct a new 3,500 square foot drive-thru restaurant.

**Tacos de Gavilan** completed framing for its new restaurant at the corner of Baseline Road and Riverside Avenue, with a February 2015 grand opening.

### Planning Commission Summary

The Planning Commission reviewed the following project in November:

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 755:** A request from Maammar Antuer to allow the sale of secondhand/used cellphones within an existing cellphone repair and accessory store located at 869 E. Foothill Boulevard within the C-P (Commercial Pedestrian) zone of the Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan.

The Planning Commission did not meet on November 26, 2014.

### Planning Division

During November, Planning Staff reviewed 22 preliminary site plans for future development projects. Highlights of the pending projects reviewed this month include:

- A comprehensive sign program for the **Wal-Mart Supercenter** on Riverside Avenue south of San Bernardino Avenue.
- A Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station on Lilac Avenue south of Rialto Avenue proposed by the **Rialto Unified School District**. The Rialto Unified School District (RUSD) intends to construct and operate a compressed natural gas (CNG) Fueling Station and Transportation Yard during two Phases. The CNG Fueling Station (Phase I) includes a vehicle entry/exit access way along South Lilac Avenue; two fast-fill vehicle fueling pumps and roof structure; a CNG equipment enclosure to house 3 CNG storage tanks, 3 CNG compressors, and 1 backup generator; storm water facilities; utility upgrades to support operations; and hardscape/landscape improvements. The Transportation Yard (Phase II) includes up to 9,100 square-feet of office building; a 9,900 square-foot service building with 6 service bays, storage area and office space; parking stalls for 94 buses with time-fill CNG fuel pumps; 4 bus wash stations; 129 parking stalls; water quality treatment facilities; various utility upgrades, including a stub-out gas line for future City connection; and various hardscape/landscape improvements.
- A site plan and environmental documents for a 1,070,320 square foot industrial building for **Medline Industries**, a medical and surgical supply distributor, located at the northwest corner of Miro Way and Locust Avenue.

- A site plan and environmental documents for a 594,000 square foot industrial building for the **Niagara Bottling Company** at the northeast corner of Alder and Miro Way.
- The annexation application for Neighborhoods 1 and 2 of the **Lytle Creek Ranch Specific Plan** (1,146 acres) to be filed with the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

## **Business Licensing**

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of November 2014. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Goods/Service</b>
Advanced Disposal Solutions	173 Resource Dr	Recycling Center
Cabo Connection	1212 W Merrill	Repair Services
Cal Ez Furniture	993 W Valley Ste #105	Retail
Clara's Name Brands	937 W Foothill	Retail
JC Assisted Trans Inc.	116 S Riverside	Administration Office
K Top Korean BBQ	403 S Riverside	Retail Food
Steve's Auto Upholstery	560 W First	Service

## **Building and Safety Services**

### Building Division Report

During November, the Building Division issued 199 building permits and received 46 plans for review, primarily for remodeling, solar installations, and tenant improvement projects. The average initial review period was 11 calendar days and the re-check period was six calendar days. The Building Division performed 330 building inspections. Building permit and plan check fee receipts for the month totaled \$291,930. Among the more notable activities:

- Cardenas Market Construction completed its expansion at 250 W. Foothill Boulevard.
- The City issued permits for: (1) the Chevron Gas Station at 2035 N. Riverside Avenue; (2) the Food-4-Less Gas Station at 1304 W. Foothill Boulevard; and (3) the Prologis 677,000 square foot commercial warehouse at 1420 N. Tamarind Avenue.
- Panattoni submitted plans for its proposed 761,000 square foot warehouse at the northwest corner of Linden Avenue and Baseline Avenue.

## Nominations Accepted for Best Decorated Homes in Rialto

As part of the City's Holiday Decoration Program, the City encourages residents to nominate their neighbors for the best decorated home during the December holiday season. The Beautification Commission reviews the nominated homes and recommends award winners to the City Council. The Rialto City Council will recognize the award-winning homes at a Rialto City Council meeting in January 2015.

If you would like to nominate a home, please contact the Housing Division at (909) 820-8013 or at [rjoiner@rialtoca.gov](mailto:rjoiner@rialtoca.gov) to obtain an application. The submission deadline is December 18, 2014.

## Code Enforcement Services

The Code Enforcement Division conducted the following special enforcement activities during the month of November:

- **Illegal Weekend Yard Sales.** The Code Enforcement Officers and Volunteers contacted and educated 13 property owners regarding unpermitted yard sales.
- **Illegal Weekend Food and Flower Vendors.** The Code Enforcement Officers conducted a sweep of the City and contacted two flower vendors and one street peddler within City streets and parks. The City cited all vendors and confiscated all perishables.
- **Homeless Encampments.** A team of Code Enforcement Officers and members of the Rialto Police Department Patrol Division conducted a sweep for illegal encampments. The team contacted ten campers located north of the Wal-Mart at Valley Boulevard and Riverside Avenue. Officers checked the subjects for warrants, cleared, and then ordered them to vacate the area and remove their personal property.
- **Scavengers.** The Code Enforcement Officers contacted six trash diggers and issued two citations. The City confiscated the recyclables and deposited the recyclables in the recyclable bin at the City yard.
- **Code Enforcement Work Release Program.** The Code Enforcement Officers, Volunteers and Work Release Crew abated 32 abandoned shopping carts and removed 280 illegal signs. The Work Release Program conducted 35 community cleanups, 10 assisting the disabled and elderly citizens of Rialto and 25 cleanups at City properties and various locations throughout the City.

## Police Department

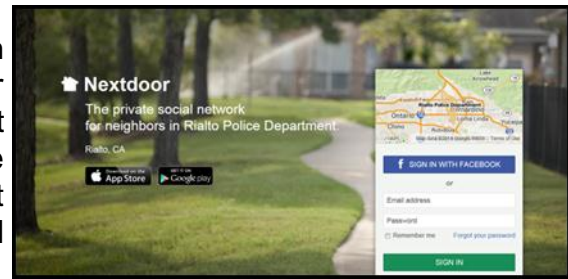
Follow Rialto PD on Facebook



Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>.

## RPD Virtual Neighborhood Watch

Nextdoor is free for residents! Each neighborhood creates its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Rialto residents can use Nextdoor share information about neighborhood watch issues, local events, and local activities.



Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to help build stronger communities. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on each Nextdoor site is only visible to members who live in the neighborhood and who have verified their address.

For more information you may contact your area commander, Lieutenant Andy Karol, or the Department's Community Liaison at [cnelson@rialtopd.com](mailto:cnelson@rialtopd.com).

## NIXLE

NIXLE is a free service that allows community members to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute, neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit, or for where your family and friends are located throughout the country. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the information, whether it's over your cell phone by text message, by email or over the web (or all of the above). You stay connected to what is happening in the community at locations that are relevant to you. Registration is FREE, SIMPLE, and SECURE!



For more information, please contact Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email at [akarol@rialtopd.com](mailto:akarol@rialtopd.com).

## Coffee with the Chief



"Coffee with the Chief" offers residents an opportunity to personally meet their Police Chief and other representatives in a casual setting. At "Coffee with the Chief" community members will learn about the police department, special projects, and other related events.

Please join Chief Tony Farrar for our next "Coffee with the Chief" on January 13, 2015, at Coco's Restaurant, 1683 S. Riverside Avenue.

For additional information, please contact Jeanette Lopez at 909-820-2565 or email to [jlopez@rialtopd.com](mailto:jlopez@rialtopd.com).

## Hearts to Share



Last year was the biggest year for the "Hearts to Share" Christmas program in its 15 year history. More than 700 children were given gifts for the Christmas holiday. Rialto Police Department delivered to 14 families with a caravan of police and fire vehicles.



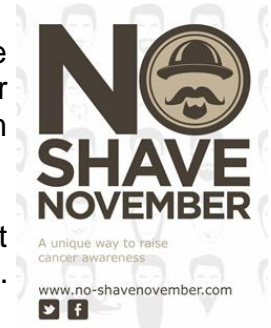
More than 50 families picked up gifts from the police department and more than 1000 toys were donated to a local church at the conclusion of the event.

If you need additional information about this year's program or would like to donate, please email Noretta Barker at [nbarker@rialtopd.com](mailto:nbarker@rialtopd.com).

### **No Shave November – Here Comes the Fuzz**

Thanks to everyone who participated and/or supported the No Shave November Fundraiser. This was a great event that raised over \$6,000 for the fight against cancer. To learn more or make a team donation, visit [www.no-shave.org](http://www.no-shave.org) and follow the directions.

For additional information on the campaign, please contact Sergeant Robert Smith at 909-820-2572 or email to [rsmith@rialtopd.com](mailto:rsmith@rialtopd.com). Follow us on Twitter at #LETITGROW.



### **COPS Grant 2014-2015**

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is the office of the U.S. Department of Justice that advances the practice of community policing in America's state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies. This year, the Rialto Police Department was awarded, \$160,177.00 in federal funding which will be used for technology, communications, and personal protective equipment.

### **COPS Hiring Grant 2014-2015**

COPS hiring grants provide up to 75 percent of the entry level salaries and benefits of full-time officers for a 36-month period, with a minimum 25-percent local cash match required and a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position. This year, the Rialto Police Department was awarded \$250,000 in funding for two full-time school resource officer positions to enhance safety at our local schools.

### **CALGRIP Grant**

The Board of State and Community Corrections' Standing Committee on Gang Issues has completed the competitive process for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program. These are extremely competitive grants awarded to cities to enhance gang intervention, reduction, and prevention efforts. The Rialto Police Department was awarded \$1.2 million over a three year period for this project.

### **Rialto Police K9 News**

The Rialto Police K9 Unit recently competed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverside County Sheriff's K9 Trials in Temecula, Ca. The competition was held on Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Rialto Police Department K9 unit did great with the results as follows:

Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> (61 teams participated)

Mastaler / Jango	3rd place "Evidence Location"
Anderson / Gilley	5th place "Building Narcotics"

Anderson / Gilley 5th place "Evidence Location"  
Breen / Kimo 4th place "Overall Narcotics"

Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> (57 teams participated)

Anderson / Gilley 2nd place "Protection"  
Maltese / Smoky 3rd place "Protection"

## **Area Community Meetings**

The Rialto Police Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the Area Community meetings. Meeting for January 2015 are posted. Please follow us on Facebook for further information!

### Community Meeting Area 1 & 2:

January 22, 2015 – Sunrise Church 2759 N. Ayala Avenue, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For additional information please contact Lieutenant Kathy Thompson at 909-820-2560 or email to [kthompson@rialtopd.com](mailto:kthompson@rialtopd.com) / Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email to [akarol@rialtopd.com](mailto:akarol@rialtopd.com).

### Community Meeting Area 3 & 4:

January 26, 2015 – St. Catherine of Siena Church 339 N. Sycamore Avenue, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For additional information please contact Lieutenant Bill Wilson at 909-421-7276 or email to [wwilson@rialtopd.com](mailto:wwilson@rialtopd.com) / Lieutenant Jim Kurkoske at 909-820-2568 or email to [jkurkoske@rialtopd.com](mailto:jkurkoske@rialtopd.com).

## **Santa Coming to Sunrise Church**

On December 20, 2014, at 2:00 pm, Santa will be returning to Sunrise Church in Rialto. Last year, this was a great event for all in attendance. Please join us as Santa flies in on the regional Police Helicopter Eagle 1. For more information, please contact Corporal Cameron Nelson at 909-820-2515 or email to [cnelson@rialtopd.com](mailto:cnelson@rialtopd.com).



## **Shop with a COP 2014**

The Rialto Police Department will be holding its annual "Shop with a COP" on Sunday December 14, 2014. This program will sponsor ten children who will get to shop with police officers and support personnel. For more information please contact Noretta Barker at [nbarker@rialtopd.com](mailto:nbarker@rialtopd.com).

## **NORAD Tracks Santa!**

Hey kids - to help you track Santa and his reindeer on Christmas Eve, the Rialto Police Department recommends these sites: Online at <http://www.noradsanta.org>, on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/noradsanta> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/NoradSanta>.



## **A Holiday Message Worth Repeating –**

### ***Crime doesn't pay, but giving back does***

It reminds me of something right out of Dickens, where a selfless gift is seen not just as an act of kindness but a microcosm of all that is good in us. Anne Frank once famously wrote that despite all that happened "I believe that people are really good at heart."

As if meant to confirm this, we have an example from one police officer in New York City. We have a young cop buying boots for a homeless man, getting caught on a tourist's camera doing so, and becoming something of a celebrity.

We can only wonder what Police Officer Larry DePrimo thought when he first saw 54-year-old Jeffery Hillman sitting barefoot in the cold. He could have shrugged it off as just another homeless guy on the beat and walked away; he could have also given the man a hard time or forced him to go to a shelter. With the cold night approaching, frostbite and even death were distinct possibilities.

The story gets to us as we hear that the cop asked the man if he had anything for his feet. Hillman told him that he did not and, in fact, that he never had a pair of shoes. Hillman started walking away, but DePrimo did not give up on him. He followed the man and went into a nearby store and bought the man a pair of boots.

DePrimo went outside, gave the man the boots, and then Arizona tourist Jennifer Foster took the picture that everyone is talking about. It seems a certainty that DePrimo did this selflessly and expected no fanfare, but now he has gone on the *Today* show and CNN to talk about his actions. Even tourist Foster made it clear that what the cop did was "an act of human kindness and he had absolutely no intention of receiving any credit for it."

The moral of the story is that although Hillman was a drug user and a petty criminal with a record, the officer found it within himself to show compassion, something we could all show a bit more of. This holiday season, let us all take a lesson from Officer DePrimo. Let us be thankful for what we have. Let us be understanding of those who are less fortunate. Let us all show compassion by simply giving back.

## **Fire Department**

### **Esperanza Staff Ride: Team Learning from Tragedy**

Rialto Fire Department Captains and Chief Officers conducted a Staff Ride of the Esperanza Fire, which occurred in the Banning Pass in 2006. This devastating event took the lives of five U.S. Forest Service Firefighters in a sudden burn over. The concept of the Staff Ride is used by the U.S. Military to help command officers extract lessons from historic battles to improve their skills for future ones. Using this same concept, members of the RFD spent two months studying the details of this incident and the aftermath. On November 12<sup>th</sup> the team gathered in a classroom environment to review and discuss the details of the event. The group then traveled up Hwy 243 to walk the exact path that the crews did on that fateful day to try to capture the full impact of what they might have seen and why they reacted the way that they did.

The event was an excellent team-learning opportunity that generated several observations and ideas on how the RFD can increase their effectiveness and resilience during emergency operations. These lessons will be shared with the entire department through training sessions over the next several months. In addition, the process honors the sacrifice of those who perished by studying the event, sharing insights, and finding ways to make ourselves and our community safer.



### **Fire Department Training**

Throughout November, Rialto firefighters were able to conduct advanced training on a residential structure that was slated for demolition. The training included firefighter survival and rescue techniques, and culminated with live fire training to polish firefighting strategy and tactics. The RFD partnered with Colton, Loma Linda, and Redlands fire departments to strengthen the communication and efficiency of multi-agency responses in our area. This is some of the most valuable training our personnel can get, and one more way that the RFD works to ensure the best services possible for our community.



### **Badge Pinning and Firefighter of the Year Ceremony**

Family, friends, and members of the Rialto Fire Department formally recognized several of our personnel for recent appointments and promotions in the department at a badge pinning ceremony at the Rialto Senior Center. Honored at the event were Battalion Chiefs Art Poduska and Sean Grayson, Captains Matt Blanco and Andy Lore, EMS Quality Improvement Coordinator Kevin Dearden, Prevention Specialist Nikki Haslam-Wright, and Senior Office Specialist Erica Sanchez.

The event was also the department's recognition of our 2014 Firefighter of the Year. This year, Ryan Cathey was selected for this honor by his peers for his deep commitment to the organization and the community. Ryan is well known for finding ways to help community members in need, and finding innovative ways to maximize service levels to the community. Congratulations to all our honorees!

### **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Activities**

Rialto CERT has had a great month with training and activities. On October 29 and 30, four team leaders attended the CERT Program Manager Course conducted by the County Office of Emergency Services. This means that we now have all of our Leaders certified as a State-approved CERT Program Manager and CERT Train the Trainer.





Volunteers from Rialto CERT, along with over 120 other volunteers, also attended the First Annual Countywide CERT Exercise. The CERT Exercise, held in Rancho Cucamonga, was a successful test of skills and working with people from other CERT groups. The ability to coordinate across jurisdictional boundaries is an important element of successful operations in a disaster.

We were also very pleased to deliver the first ever Spanish speaking version of the CERT program for our community members. The “Listos” program, which translates to “Ready,” offers instruction on how to take care of your household and your neighborhood in the event of a disaster or other more common emergencies. The program was held at Sunrise Church in Rialto and attracted 120 participants. The RFD is very pleased to sponsor programs like these that bring a wonderfully diverse community together for an important common cause.



### Rialto Fire Explorer Update

Several members of the Rialto Explorer Post #299 will participate in the annual Inland Empire Fire Explorers Association's fire academy on December 1-7. This annual event will be held at the Fort Irwin National Training Center. The explorer Academy is an outstanding opportunity for our youth as it prepares explorers for the rigors of firefighting through training, coaching, and teamwork. The event includes live fire training, technical rescue, vehicle extrication, and other emergency skills. Through this training, our explorers will increase their knowledge and abilities in providing emergency services, which will assist them in their pursuit of a fire service career. We are very proud to have these individuals in our community. A short video showing the highlights of the event can be found at:



[http://iefea.net/Inland\\_Empire\\_Fire\\_Explorer\\_Association/Welcome.html](http://iefea.net/Inland_Empire_Fire_Explorer_Association/Welcome.html)

### Holiday Gifts to the Community

Every year, thousands of children experience a Christmas morning with no gifts to open. To help remedy this, Rialto Firefighters joined other Southland Fire Departments to host the “Spark of Love Toy Drive.”



Through the volunteer efforts of our firefighters, donors, and sponsors, many families in our community will receive new toys to celebrate the holiday season.



If you would like to participate, please bring new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment to any Rialto Fire Station. You can also leave a toy in specially marked



receptacles located at select local retailers. The toys will then be distributed to underserved families in the community to make their Christmas a special day. For more information, call the Rialto Fire Administrative office at (909) 820-2501.

### Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery

On November 21-27, Rialto firefighters, in cooperation with St. Peters Church in Rialto, participated in this year's Thanksgiving food basket giveaway. The food baskets were put together by the church congregation to include a variety of traditional Thanksgiving treats. The food baskets were hand-delivered to several needy families throughout Rialto by our firefighters.



### Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your chances of fire. Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 240 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving holiday lights and other decorative lighting occur each year. Together, these fires result in 21 deaths and \$25.2 million in direct property damage.



Following are a few simple fire safety tips that can help keep your holidays safe:

- If you have a live tree, make sure it is well watered. To see the difference this can make, follow this link to a video example by Underwriters Laboratory: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeZk2IrvAOU>
- Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent.
- Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks.
- Make sure all exits are accessible and not blocked by decorations or trees.
- As always, make sure you have working smoke detectors in your home.

By following these simple tips, you can help ensure that you and your family enjoy a safe and fun holiday season.

### Rialto Fire on Facebook



Did you hear who won the fire prevention book-mark coloring contest here in Rialto? Want to see what happens when you attempt to deep-fry a Turkey the wrong way? Would you believe that a fire on a dry Christmas tree could destroy your house in less than 60 seconds? "Like" us on Facebook now to find out, and get other up-to-date activities, incidents, pictures, videos, and more!

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/rialtofiredepartment>.

## Public Works

### No Shave November

During the month of November the Rialto Police Department entered a Team as part of the American Cancer Society's campaign for No Shave November which is their "hope for a world with less cancer and more birthdays." As part of that campaign, several members of the Public Works Department participated by not shaving and the departments Public Works Superintendent, Rick Buysse entered to be part of the Police Departments Team. Mr. Buysse rose over \$2,300 for the fundraiser, leading the team in donations for the event. We want to thank Mr. Buysse and everyone who participated in this worthy cause.



From left to right: Merwin Juarez, Eddie Castaneda, Rick Buysse, Mike Hays & Mike Orona

### Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of the month from January through November 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The dates and locations for 2015 are as follows:

January 10, 2015 .....	Rialto Park .....	130 E. San Bernardino Avenue
February 14, 2015 .....	Bud Bender Park .....	300 N. Lilac Avenue
March 14, 2015 .....	Margaret Todd Park .....	201 N. Willow Avenue
April 18, 2015* .....	Andreson Park .....	726 S. Lilac Avenue
May 9, 2015 .....	Flores Park .....	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
June 13, 2015 .....	Jerry Eaves Park .....	1485 N. Ayala Drive
July 11, 2015 .....	Fergusson Park .....	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 8, 2015 .....	Frisbie Park .....	1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 12, 2015 .....	Birdsall Park .....	2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 10, 2015 .....	Kristina Dana Hendrickson ...	Riverside Avenue/Second Street
	Cultural Center/Women's Club	
November 14, 2015 .....	Metrolink Station/Downtown .....	261 S. Palm Avenue

## **Public Works Promotions/New Hires**

### Engineering Division

During the month of November, the Public Works Department filled three vacant positions. Two of the positions were for Engineering Technicians and the third was for the final Associate Civil Engineer position.

On November 12, 2014 the Engineering Division welcomed Moises Peralta as one of the two Engineering Technicians. Mr. Peralta came to us from the City of Fontana where he held the position of Environmental Control Assistant. He graduated from the University of California, San Diego in 2011 with a Major in Structural Engineering and currently holds an Engineer In Training (E.I.T.) Certificate.



The second Engineering Technician hired was Demond Mayfield. Mr. Mayfield came to the City from Michael Baker Engineering Inc, which is located in New York, NY where he held the position of Civil Associate Engineer II. He graduated from Howard University in 2006 with his major in Civil Engineering and currently hold and Engineering In Training Certificate.



As of November 17, 2014 the Engineering Division hired the third and final Associate Civil Engineer position. The position was offered to and accepted by Hector Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez comes to us from the City of Azusa where he held the position of Engineering Assistant. He graduated from California State Polytechnic University Pomona in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He received his Professional Engineering license in 2012 and brings over seven years of experience to the department.



The Department is pleased to welcome Mr. Peralta, Mr. Mayfield and Mr. Gonzalez, and would like to congratulate all of the employees in their new positions. They are all a much needed and welcomed addition to the department!

### **Current Projects Out to Bid**

- 2013/2014 & 2014/2015 Annual Street Overlay Project
- Bud Bender Park Rehabilitation
- Fire Station 201 Remodel Project and the Rialto Police Department Training Room Addition
- Metrolink Parking Lot Expansion
- Rialto Airport Demolition
- Pepper Avenue/Baseline Road Traffic Signal Upgrade Project

### **Recent Contracts Awarded**

- Marine Air, Inc. for the Johnson Center Gym HVAC Replacement Project in the amount of \$153,014.13.

## **Solid Waste Management News**

### Windy Day Trash Tips

On extremely windy days it can be difficult to keep your trash barrels upright and at the curb on collection days. BURRTEC Waste suggests that you follow these three (3) simple steps listed below in order to keep your trash out of your neighbor's yard. This will also insure that the trash is collected.



1. On EXTREMELY WINDY DAYS do not place your barrels at the curb.
2. If during the following week you have extra trash due to the windy conditions, place any extra in plastic bags.
3. On your regular trash day, the driver will collect both the barrels and any bags placed at the curb.

### Christmas Tree Recycling Information

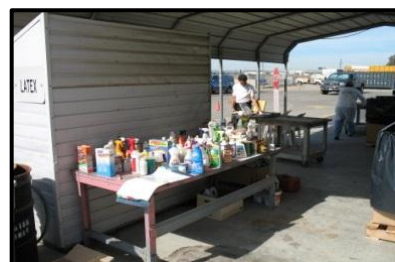
After the Christmas holiday please remember to recycle your live Christmas trees. Burrtec will be collecting your trees curb side on your regular trash collection days. Before placing your live tree at the curb:

1. Remember to remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and stands from the tree.
2. If your tree is taller than 6 feet, be sure to cut it in half before you recycle it.



### **Household Hazardous Waste**

During the Month of November 2014 there were 136 residents served at the Household Hazardous Waste site. They brought in 275 gallons of used motor oil, 9 pallets of paint, 3 drums of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids, and 6 barrels of sharps.



During the month of December, the site will be open on Friday and Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday and Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.